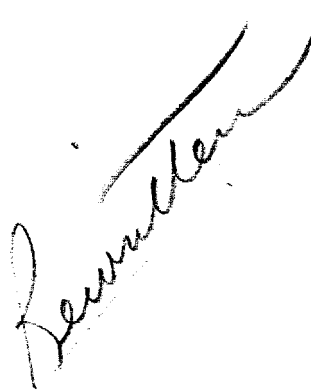


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The Honorable Arthur S. Flemming  
Secretary of Health, Education,  
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Washington 25, D. C.



Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is my understanding that the Office of Education of your Department has in recent weeks held consultations with foreign language consultants concerning the implementation of the provisions of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 - Public Law 85-864.

The act and its implementations will be reviewed with great interest, as our Agency very definitely endorses the effort being made by the Government to increase language and area training. We recognize the need for supporting graduate centers, but we must also depend on undergraduate schools to provide increased language training for young men entering the Government. It has been my feeling that the fundamental solution to the nation's language deficit can be corrected by the support of (1) intensive language training at graduate, undergraduate, and even at secondary levels; (2) institutions to train teachers in modern foreign language teaching methods; and (3) the development of superior instructional materials.

Government and business organizations in these complex times require very knowledgeable, high-level area specialists, but in addition there is a need for individuals with area knowledge of a lesser degree who can competently support the experts in a

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